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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2011, at 2 p.m.

## Senate

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2011

The Senate met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

O God, our Father, we thank You that Your mercies are new every morning.

Strengthen our Senators to serve You in fulfillment of their sacred commitment. Lord, give them kind thoughts, gentle words, and generous deeds. Teach them that it is better to give than to receive, better to serve than be served, and better to forgive than to be bitter. Give them such grace that they will obscure no truth, evade no duty, nor shrink from any sacrifice that will achieve justice and peace.

We pray in Your wonderful Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JON TESTER led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, February 1, 2011.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. TESTER thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following leader remarks, there will be a period of morning business until 12:30 today, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each. At 12:30, we are going to each have our

weekly caucus meetings, which we do every week. At 2:15, the Senate will begin consideration of the Federal Aviation Administration authorization bill. As I said last night, Senators with amendments to the bill should contact the bill managers to arrange for a time to offer their amendments. Senators will be notified when votes are scheduled.

### HEALTH CARE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, a lot of people are talking this morning about a judge in Florida regarding his opinion on the health reform law. I wish to talk about the law very briefly and then talk about the effort to take away the rights that are in the law that are now prevalent in the land.

The health reform bill has already saved lives and saved lots of money. It is saving lives because children are not getting their insurance taken away, as happened before we passed this law. They can stay on their parents' health insurance plans until they are 26, and even younger kids can't get kicked off their plans because they have a pre-existing condition such as asthma or diabetes. Older Americans are healthier because we are starting to close the coverage gap on Medicare, which means they can have a wellness check for nothing—it doesn't cost anything—which means, as far as the Medicare doughnut hole, seniors can finally afford the prescription drugs they had to skip or split before we passed this law.

Saving money. Last week, we saw how much this law is helping cut down fraud in the health insurance industry.

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